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Thank you for providing your details for inclusion in Community Messaging with Coquetdale Neighbourhood Policing Team. We are now getting the message out to every village in Coquetdale. Community Message is supported by the Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service and local Parish Councils.

As a key part of the policing pledge, Northumbria Police are committed to ensuring communities are updated on what is happening in your local area and what we have done in response to your priorities and concerns. Community Messaging will enable the Coquetdale community to receive regular neighbourhood updates, crime prevention and police alerts.

Your contact details email and mobile phone numbers you have provided will not be used for any other purpose other than for Community Messaging. This is our third Community Message bulletin to which any feedback or issues you feel are of concern, would be most welcome.

Please continue to also forward this Community Message to any friends, relatives or business colleagues who reside or visit Coquetdale.

Any persons wishing to be included, please forward your name, address, e-mail details, mobile and landline phone numbers where applicable to alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk or telephone 03456 043043 ext. 61381

Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Inspector Sue Peart

Crime and disorder overview

The Festive period was relatively quiet with regards to reported crime. Coquetdale remains one of the safest areas in the country to reside. The snow certainly assisted in keeping both crime and anti social behaviour down. A Community Message release in December during extreme weather, resulted in requests for police assistance to deliver urgent prescriptions to vulnerable people and food for a young child living in an isolated area of Coquetdale. Crime and disorder updates are as follows:

- The Granby Inn at Longframlington had some Christmas lights damaged on New Years Day.
- A quad bike was stolen from a farm near Edlingham on 13th January; a male is now in custody for this and several other offences relating to farm crime in Northumberland.
- Police have made arrests in relation to anti-social behaviour in the Addycombe area of Rothbury. We are working with partners including Homes for Northumberland and Local Authority Safer Communities Officers, to positively tackle this behaviour. Any information or concerns, please contact Coquetdale Police
- Large quantities of lambing hurdles were stolen from a farm near Thropton during a three week period from the 5th January. A large vehicle would have been required to move these, and I would encourage your members to report any suspicious vehicles in the area to police immediately.
- A farm near Sharperton had two of its tractors tyres slashed during the evening of the 28th January. Investigations are continuing.

There have been no burglary dwellings and one domestic related assault that resulted in both parties being cautioned. There has been minimal anti social behaviour with most reports concerning dog fouling in Rothbury and Thropton. Operation Alpine is continuing to successfully tackle illegal off road motor cycle use, together with our partners. Police are targeting speeding motorists in Coquetdale, as directed by the community, to reduce risk to road users.

Road Safety will be in focus over the coming weeks. Officers will be operating speed checks in the local areas you have told us about. A young driver (16 to 25 yrs) road awareness event will be held at Rothbury Fire Station 7 -9pm on Tuesday 23rd February. There are a few places left. Please contact either Rothbury Police or Fire Brigade if you are interested in a place.

CRIME PREVENTION

This month's Neighbourhood Watch bulletin focuses on bogus officials. Now is a good time to remind older friends and relatives of the key messages.

- ✓ Check who it is by using the door viewer if you have one, or by looking through a window.
- ✓ Always put the chain or door bar on before you open the door. (If you don't have a chain or door bar, it's a good idea to get one - they don't cost much.)
- ✓ If you don't know the caller, ask to see their identity card. Check it carefully and keep the chain or door bar on while you do this. Genuine callers won't mind if you close the door while you do this.
- ✓ Some companies like the water board, gas and electricity boards operate a password system. Contact your local office to find out more.
- ✓ Don't be afraid to ask the caller to come back later. You can then check their story by phoning the company they claim to represent. Look the number up in the phone book though - a number they give you may be false.
- ✓ Bogus callers nearly always work in pairs or as part of a team. Beware of one keeping you talking while the other one steals your property or breaks in at the back of the house. The best idea is not to let them in.
- ✓ If you're not still happy with a caller, dial 999 and tell them what's happened. Try and give as good a description as you can. Don't forget to warn your neighbours.

Remember you are in control of your front door - You don't have to let anyone in if you don't want to

FIRE PREVENTION

Lee Buckingham - Group Manager, Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service highlights the following fire prevention message:

'Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service are committed to reducing the number of accidental fires at home and at this time of year with the weather we are encountering, some practical advice on what you can do to reduce the risk of a chimney fire.

- **Do not use petrol or other flammable liquids to light fires**
- **Do not burn large amounts of paper on open fires**
- **Access loft annually whilst fire is alight to check for smoke leaking through pointing**
- **Have chimney swept as a minimum annually**

If you are unable to access your loft, or wish to receive any fire safety advice, contact the Fire Service on **0800 7311351**, and they will be pleased to carry out a check for you.'

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Sector Inspector: Inspector Sue Peart

COQUETDALE

Sergeant Sergeant Graham Vickers
 PC Trevor Weldon
 PC Lawrie Ward
 PC Rob Kilburn
 PC Steve Gresswell

SECTOR CSO'S

CSO Adele Penman
 CSO Kevin Simpson
 CSO Darin Fawcett
 CSO Katie Gerard
 CSO Steve Warwick

TRAFFIC WARDEN TW John Hall

POLICE AND COMMUNITY PRIORITY SETTING FORUM

The Police and Community Priority Setting Forum is scheduled to take place at 11am on Saturday 20th March 2010, in the Jubilee Hall at Rothbury. The community are invited to attend the forum to influence and direct policing priorities. An update will be given on addressing current priorities identified as road safety and improving police and community engagement.

Invited guests are the Local Authority (Rothbury bridge replacement) and Homes for Northumberland (Housing Policy), who will provide community updates and answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please come along.

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HOW TO ACCESS YOUR LOCAL POLICING SERVICES:

Emergency Response Dial 999
 Non Emergency Response Tel: 03456 043043
 Text 07786200814
 (To report a non-emergency incident)
 Minicom 01661 82091
 (For the deaf and hard of hearing)
 Police Advice/Officer Contact Tel: 03456 043043
 (Contact Management Unit 7am-11pm)
 Crimestoppers Tel: 0800 555111 (Anonymous information line)

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT MANAGERS

Alnwick NPT alnwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
 Berwick NPT berwick.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk
 Morpeth NPT morpeth.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

Northumbria Police Wildlife Crime Officers –
 PC 322 Andy Swinburne (North) 03456 043043 extension 69191
 PC 91 Mick Brown (West) 03456 043043 extension 69191

Crime Prevention Officers –
 Del Graham 03456 043043 extension 69191
 Sandra Killeen 03456 043043 extension 69191

Northumberland County Council 0845 600 6400
 (For illegal bonfires, noise, fly tipping, Trading Standards and stray dogs etc)
 Northumbria Police www.northumbria.police.uk
 National NHW www.neighbourhoodwatch.net
 HO Crime Reduction www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk

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